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RE: Professional Rules of Conduct-Rule 8.4

Dear Honorable Members of the Court,

In your order on October 26, 2016 regarding case number AF 09-0688 you have called for public comment on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a citizen of Montana and business owner, I respectfully request that you decline the adoption of this rule for the following reasons.

1. The language brought forth in this document is vague lending to the possibility of erratic interpretation.
2. A Montana lawyer's personal beliefs, conduct, and law practice both inside and outside the court are scrutinized based on bias (a cultural sensitivity) rather than objectivity (consideration of all persons, including heterosexual, white, Christians).
3. A lawyer's private life and preferences are affected by an over reaching Rule that has no legal right to do so.
4. This proposed rule change oversteps the bounds of the court by imposing cultural preferences when the primary purpose of the court is to simply interpret law.

Resultantly, I humbly ask you, the court, **not to adopt this change to Rule 8.4** of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys.

Sincerely,

Chris Kennedy

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